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New IAF Bureau elected during 2012 IAF General Assembly

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The Bureau, a governance body of the Federation, is in charge of driving the direction of the Federation, setting future priority areas of work and ensuring its activities are consistent with its mission and objectives.

Succeeding former IAF President Berndt Feuerbacher is Kiyoshi Higuchi, Vice-President of JAXA, who will head the Federation until 2014.

From the 20 candidacies for IAF Vice-Presidents received, the General Assembly elected

- IAF Vice-President for Outreach and Societies
Andrea Boese, Strategy and International Relations, European Space Policy and Special Affairs, Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR), Germany
- IAF Vice-President for Global Membership Development
Ray Johnson, Senior Vice-President and Chief Technology Officer, Lockheed Martin Corporation, United States
- IAF Vice-President for Industry Relations
Jean-Yves Le Gall, Chairman and CEO, Arianespace, France
- IAF Vice-President for Financial Matters
Jan Kolar, Director, Czech Space Office, Czech Republic
- IAF Vice-President for International Organisations Relations and Developing Countries
Sergey Saveliev, Deputy Head, Russian Federation Space Agency (Roscosmos), Russia

They join further 5 IAF Vice-Presidents, elected for a second term, including

- IAF Vice-President for Technical Activities and IAC Evolution
Maria Antonietta Perino, Head of Advanced Exploration Programmes, Infrastructures and Transportation Systems, Thales Alenia Space Italia, Italy
- IAF Vice-President for Honours and Awards
V.S. Hegde, Chairman and Managing Director, Antrix Corporation Limited, India
- IAF Vice-President for Institutional Relations and MP Liaison
Jean-Jacques Dordain, Director General, European Space Agency, Paris, France
- IAF Vice-President for Youth and Workforce Development
Lyn Wigbels, Executive Vice-President, American Astronautical Society, United States

- IAF Vice-President for International Relations
Jie Yuan, Vice-President, China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC), China

Gathering a global team of professionals from both space agencies and industry, the Bureau will meet for the first time during the IAF Spring Meetings in March 2013 in Paris, France.

About the International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

Founded in 1951, the International Astronautical Federation is the world's leading space advocacy body with 227 members in 59 countries including all leading space agencies, companies, societies, associations and institutes worldwide.

Following its theme "A space-faring world cooperating for the benefit of humanity", the Federation advances knowledge about space, fostering the development and application of space assets by advancing global cooperation.

As organiser of the annual International Astronautical Congress (IAC) and other thematic meetings, the IAF actively encourages the development of astronautics for peaceful purposes and supports the dissemination of scientific and technical information related to space.